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	First Named Inventor	Douglas P. DOUCETTE
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	Application Number	09 / 642065
	Filing Date	August 18, 2000
	Group Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned
	Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned

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My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Improved Space Allocation in a Write Anywhere File System

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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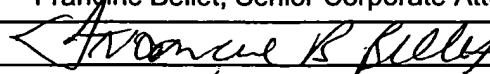
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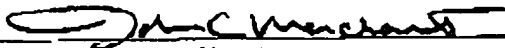
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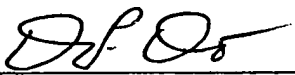
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NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, Douglas P. Doucette, Blake Lewis, and John K. Edwards, do sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Network Appliance, Inc., its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to any and all letters patent to be granted and issued therefor, not only for, to and in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, but also for, to and in all other countries including all priority rights under the International Convention; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Network Appliance, Inc., its successors and assigns, in accordance with this Assignment.

WITNESS OUR HAND at Freeland, Washington, this 14th day of September, 2000.



Douglas P. Doucette

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Douglas P. DOUCETTEApplication No./Patent No.: 09/642,065 Filed/Issue Date: August 18, 2000Entitled: Improved Space Allocation in a Write Anywhere File SystemNetwork Appliance, Inc., a Corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of an undivided part interest

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

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- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

8/31/00
 Date

Francine B. Bellet
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Typed or printed name

Senior Corporate Attorney

Title

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Douglas P. Doucette, a citizen of United States, residing at 1864 Scenic Avenue, Freeland, Washington 98249, Blake Lewis, a citizen of United States, residing at 2316 Greer Road, Palo Alto, California 94303, and John K. Edwards, a citizen of United States, residing at 1173 Crandano Court, Sunnyvale, California 94087-2076, have invented a "Improved Space Allocation in a Write Anywhere File System" for which we have executed application papers for a U.S. patent thereon, which was filed on August 18, 2000, Serial No. 09/642065; and

WHEREAS, Network Appliance, Inc. a California corporation, having a place of business at 495 East Java Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089 is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to the Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefor in the United States of America and its territories and possessions, and in all countries foreign thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, Douglas P. Doucette, Blake Lewis, and John K. Edwards, do sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Network Appliance, Inc., its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to any and all letters patent to be granted and issued therefor, not only for, to and in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, but also for, to and in all other countries including all priority rights under the International Convention; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Network Appliance, Inc., its successors and assigns, in accordance with this Assignment.

WITNESS OUR HAND at Freeland, Washington, this 14th day of September, 2000.



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WITNESS OUR HAND at Sunnyvale, California, this 19th day of September, 2000.

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